(b) IDPL's inventory of finished stocks are as under:

	Rs. in lakhs
1982-83	2720.05
1983-84	3117.12
1984-85	2767.63
1985-86 (upto 30-9-85)	2322.23

Rajpath and Janpath Telephone Exchanges

2673. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas which are actually covered under the Rajpath and Janpath, Telephone Exchanges;

(b) what is the latest number in the waiting list in the General Category which has been covered in these Exchanges so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to increase the capacity of new connection in these exchanges; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAWS MIRDHA): (a) The information is given in the statement which is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The registration number upto which the telephone connections under Non. OYT-General category have been released in Janpath and Rajpath telephone exchanges are 3547 and 1612 respectively.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal for expansion of Rajpath and Janpath Telephone Exchanges at present. However, there is a proposal for expansion of Kidwai Bhavan telephone exchange by 10,000 lines during 7th Plan which will provide relief to Janpath exchanges.

Statement

The areas served by Janpath and Rajpath Telephone exchange are broadly

Janpath Exchange: Atul Grove Road Albert Square, A.V.G. Bhawan Baird Lane, Blocks A, B, G, H, K, L, and M Cannaught Place Bhagat Singh Market, Bank of Baroda Bldg., Baba Kharak Singh Marg Bangla Sahib Road, Copenicus Marg, Clive Square, Doctor Lane, Durka Sadan, D.I.Z. Area Gole Market, Eastern Court, Foch Square, Gole Market, Hanuman Road, Hasting Square, Harish Chander Mathur Lane (J.P.) Indian Oil Bhawan, Jeevan Deep Bldg., Janpath Lane, Jain Mandir Marg, Janpath Hotel, Jantar Mantar Road. Joffery Square. Kali Bari Marg, Kanishka Hotel, Lady Harding Road, Joffery Lal Bahadur Sadan, Lumsdon Square Gole Market, Mandir Marg, Mohan Singh Place, Municipal Market Connaught Place, Mini Market Janpath, N.D.M.C. Market, Panchkuia Road, Peshwa Road, Parliament Street, Plaza Cinema, Palika Bazar, R. K. Ashram Marg. Regal Bldg., Sector D Mandir Marg, Western Court, Yusf Jea Market Janpath.

Rajpath Exchange: Aditya Sadan, Akash-deep Bldg., Ashok Road, Akashwani Bhavan, Abdul Fazal Road, Akbar Road, Bahai House, Bhagwan Dass Road, Baroda House, Babar Road, Bahawal Pur House, Bikaner House, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Bapa Nagar, College Lane, Copernous Road, Curzon Road Apartments & Barracks, Church Lane, Dhaulpur House, Faridkot House, Ferozshah Road, Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Road, High Court Delhi, Haily Road, Hyderabad House, Haryana Bhawan, 18, Janpath, Jam Nagar House, Jaswant Singh Road, Kotah House, E-7, Kasturba Gandhi Marg. Krishi Bhavan, Meena Bagh, Mandi House, Maulana Azad Road, Man Singh Road, Nirman Bhawan, Pandara Road, Pataudi House, Patiala House, Princess Park, Parliament Street, Pandara Park, Prithvi Raj Road, Rajendra Pd. Road, Raisina Road, Rail Bhawan, Reading Lane, Rafi Marg, Sagar Apartments, Shastri Bhavan, Shahjahan Road, Supreme Court, Sikandara Road,

Shershah Suri Road, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Tilak Bridge, Transport Bhavan, Todar Mal Road, Tolstoy Marg, Talkatora Road, UCO Bank, Parliament Street, Vithal Bhai Patel House, Vigyan Bhawan, Windsor Place, Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg,

Use of gas

2674. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1980, off-shore oil production has increased almost 5 times but the increasing quantities of gas that came with the oil had to be flared because plants to use this gas (mainly as LPG for domestic use and for power) were not ready;

(b) the amount and value of the gas so flared during the period 1980--85;

(c) whether the synchronisation of the use of gas in fertilizer plants and the availability of gas was planned; if so, with what results; and

(d) by how many days years the use of gas in fertilizer plants became would become, late since the availability of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The oil production from offshore fields has increased nearly five times in five years since 1980. A larger proportion of associated gas is being progressively put to productive use; while in 1980-81, about 54 per cent of the associated gas produced in Bombay High was flared in 1984-85, this figure came down to 42.8 per cent. The flaring of associated gas at Bombay High is expected to be minimised, except flaring for safety reasons, by March—April 1986, when the additional compression facilities at Bombay High are commissioned.

(b) During the last five years, i.e., 1980-81 to 1984-85, a total quantity of 5316 Million Cubic Metres of associated gas was flared from the Bombay High Offshore fields. The national value of this flared gas is estimated at Rs. 53.16 crores, corresponding to crude oil production of about 63.5 million tonnes during the same period, valued at about Rs. 8700 crores, at domestic prices.

(c) In the case of free gas as, for instance, South Bassein gas, the schedule of production and supply of gas is being synchronised with the schedule of commissioning of the fertilizer plants. In the case of associated gas, synchronisation of schedules is difficult, as gas is produced along with crude oil.

(d) The time lag between discovery of gas and its utilisation depends on the timing of investments on its production, transporation and processing facilities, and on the schedule of consuming units.

Losses in terms of fertilizer production

2675. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item in the 'Times of India' dated 10th September 1985 to the effect that losses running into crores of rupees in terms of fertilizer production have occurred due to conceptual errors and inordinate delays in the supply of critical equipment which have held up completion of pipeline project for supplying gas to Rs. 1000 crores Hazira Fertilizer Project which has been ready for commissioning for several months; and

(b) if so, what are the details of action taken against the erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.